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SUBJ: KOREA AT 29TH UNGA: FIRST COMMITTEE PARLIAMENTARY
SITUATION

1. IN ADDITION TO TRADING VOTE INFORMATION AND ASSIGNING LOBBYING RESPONSIBILITIES (SEPTTEL), MEETING OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION COSPONSORS OCTOBER 21 AGREED ON FOLLOWING SCENARIO IN FIRST COMMITTEE WHEN KOREA DEBATE OPENS ON OR ABOUT NOVEMBER 25.

2. NETHERLANDS VOLUNTEERED TO SEEK TO INSCRIBE IMMEDIATELY AS FIRST SPEAKER IN KOREAN DEBATE IN ORDER TO INTRODUCE OUR RESOLUTION AHEAD OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION, THUS DRAMATIZING OUR CLAIM TO PRIORITY.

3. SHORTLY BEFORE FIRST COMMITTEE REACHES KOREAN ITEM, REPRESENTATIVE OF OUR SIDE WILL SPEAK TO FIRST COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, ARGENTINE PERMREP ORTIZ DE ROZAS, TO CONFIRM WITH HIM THAT FRIENDLY RESOLUTION HAS VOTING PRIORITY, ON THIS OCCASION WE WILL INFORM HIM THAT WE WILL FIGHT ANY CHALLENGE TO PRIORITY AND, IF OUR RESOLUTION WINS, LIKELIHOOD IS THAT WE WILL WISH ON POINT OF ORDER TO PREVENT HOSTILE RESOLUTION FROM BEING PUT TO VOTE. (FYI: RULE 131
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PROVIDES, INTER ALIA, THAT THE COMMITTEE MAY, AFTER EACH

VOTE ON A PROPOSAL, DECIDE WHETHER TO VOTE ON THE NEXT PROPOSAL.) ALL COSPONSORS PRESENT AT MEETING AGREED THAT TALK WITH ORTIZ DE ROZAS, WHOM WE EXPECT TO BE IMPARTIAL CHAIRMAN, ESSENTIAL IN ORDER TO AVOID INFLECTING UPON HIM UNPLEASANT SURPRISES WHICH COULD LEAD TO RULINGS NOT IN OUR INTEREST.

4. OUR ASSUMPTION THAT COSPONSORS HOSTILE RESOLUTION WILL CHALLENGE OUR PRIORITY BASED IN PART ON RECENT CONVERSATION BETWEEN JAPANESE AND ROMANIAN MISOFFS, IN WHICH LATTER SAID THAT PRO-NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION SHOULD HAVE VOTING PRIORITY SINCE FRIENDS OF NORTH KOREA REQUESTED INSCRIPTION OF ITEM BEFORE WE DID. WE AGREED YESTERDAY THAT IF WE HAVE VOTES TO PASS OUR RESOLUTION WE ALSO HAVE VOTES TO ENSURE PRIORITY IF CHALLENGE IS MADE. WE ALSO AGREED THAT IN LOBBYING FOR OUR RESOLUTION WE WILL POINT OUT WHERE APPROPRIATE THAT LOWER DOCUMENT NUMBER GIVEN TO OUR RESOLUTION ASSURES US, IN EYES OF UN LEGAL COUNSEL, OF PRIORITY.

5. FRIENDLY RESOLUTION COSPONSORS ALSO AGREE THAT OTHER SIDE HAS PROBABLY NOT YET MADE DEFINITE DECISION ABOUT WHETHER TO PUT ITS RESOLUTION TO VOTE IN CASE OURS PASSES. WE ASSUME THEY WILL NOT MAKE FINAL DECISION UNTIL THEY SEE OUR VICTORY MARGIN. VIRTUALLY ALL COSPONSORS (WITH EXCEPTION UK) NOW BELIEVE THAT IMMEDIATELY AFTER OUR RESOLUTION PASSES WE SHOULD MOVE THAT ON BASIS RULE 131 HOSTILE RESOLUTION NOT BE PUT TO VOTE. WE ASSUME CHAIRMAN WILL PUT THIS PROCEDURAL QUESTION IMMEDIATELY TO VOTE IN COMMITTEE AND WE CALCULATE THAT WE WILL HAVE REASONABLE CHANCE OF WINNING. OTHERWISE, IF HOSTILE RESOLUTION COMES TO A VOTE, IF HAS GOOD CHANCE OF PASSING EVEN IF ONLY BY TWO OR THREE VOTES.

6. WE AGREED TO CONSIDER FURTHER AT NEXT COSPONSORS' MEETING HOW TO DEAL WITH (A) HOSTILE RESOLUTION AND (B) SITUATION THAT WOULD BE CREATED IN THE FIRST COMMITTEE IF IT APPROVED BOTH RESOLUTIONS.

7. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT HOSTILE COSPONSORS MAY
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MOVE AMENDMENTS TO OUR RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD, OF COURSE, BE VOTED ON BEFORE OUR RESOLUTION IS PUT TO THE VOTE. HOWEVER, THERE IS AS YET NO RPT NO EVIDENCE THAT THE OTHER SIDE WILL OPT TO DO SO.
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